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1. MOSCOW HAS REACTED ANGRILY TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON SOVIET RACISM IN SPOKANE ON MAY 5- TASS WAS ON THE WIRE IN LESS THAN 2 HOURS WITH A COMMENTARY DATE-LINED WASHINGTON WHICH WAS CRITICAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS BUT AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT. IT STATED THAT THOSE WHO ACCUSE THE SOVIET UNION "VIRTUALLY ACT AS INSTIGATORS OF THE AGGRESSORS IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. THE TASS ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY ASKING THE U.S. NOT TO MAKE UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS AT OTHERS, BUT TO LOOK AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AT HOME, MENTIONING IN PARTICULAR JOHN HARRIS AND THE WILMINGTON TEN.

2. PRAVDA OF MAY 9 CARRIES AN ARTICLE BY TASS OBSERVER A. PETROV (PROBABLY A PSEUDONYM) WHICH IS MORE DIRECTLY CRITICAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND ACCUSES THE U.S. OF BLOCKING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE, EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE HORN OF AFRICA. PETROV WRITES THAT THE ATTEMPT BY THE PRESI-

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DENT" TO ACCUSE THE SOVIET UNION IS A CRUDE TRICK," BUT ATTRIBUTES THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO THOSE WHO PREPARED THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH." CONCLUDING HIS DIATRIBE, PETROV ASKS WHY THE PRESIDENT HAD TO DISTORT" SOVIET POLICY IN AFRICA AND ANSWERS THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE U.S. TO DO THIS TO JUSTIFY ITS OWN INCURSIONS INTO AFRICA AND ITS EFFORTS TO SAVE THE RACIST REGIMES THERE. TOON

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